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TITLE: TRIM FOR A WHEEL RIM

Preliminary Amendment: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) A trim for a wheel rim comprising:

an annulus with an inturned outer rim ~~to define~~ defining radial and axial faces thereof,  
~~which can be located~~ the outer rim being locatable over and around an outer lip of the wheel rim;  
~~and;~~

a plurality of grippers spaced around ~~the~~ a circumference of the outer rim ~~by means~~  
~~of which and in securing relation for the trim can be secured to~~ outer rim to the wheel rim;; and

a resilient insert ~~which is~~ located around the radial and axial faces defined on ~~the~~ an  
inner side of the annulus ~~to cushion the trim~~ in cushioning relation between the outer rim against the  
wheel rim.

2. (Original) A trim as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the outer rim is inturned at 90° to the  
outer radial face of the annulus.

3. (Currently amended) A trim as claimed in Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, wherein the grippers are  
integrally formed with the inturned outer rim of the annulus.

4. (Currently amended) A trim as claimed in ~~any of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1, wherein the grippers comprise tangs which ~~can be deformed~~ deformable so that ~~they~~ the tangs bite into an axial outer face of the wheel rim to secure the ~~trim~~ outer rim to the wheel rim.

5. (Currently amended) A trim as claimed in Claim 4, wherein each gripper is substantially rectangular and ~~defines~~ comprises a tang at each of its projecting ~~corners~~ corner thereof.

6. (Currently amended) A trim as claimed in ~~any of Claims 1 to 5~~ Claim 1, wherein at least six grippers are provided equidistantly spaced around the annulus.

7. (Currently amended) A trim as claimed in ~~any of Claims 1 to 6~~ Claim 1, wherein a surface of the insert adapted to contact the wheel rim is coated with an adhesive ~~to provide~~ providing an additional ~~means of~~ securement for the ~~trim~~ for the outer rim to the wheel rim.

8. (Currently amended) A trim as claimed in ~~any of Claims 1 to 7~~ Claim 1, wherein the inner rim of the annulus is at least partially inturned.

9. (Currently amended) A trim as claimed in ~~any of Claims 1 to 8~~ Claim 1, wherein the resilient insert is molded in position on the inner side of the annulus.

10. (Currently amended) A trim as claimed in ~~any of Claims 1 to 9~~ Claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ an outer surface of the insert is contoured so as to be complementary in shape to the outer lip of a wheel rim ~~over which it is intended to be fitted~~.

11. (Currently amended) A trim as claimed in ~~any of Claims 1 to 10~~ Claim 1, wherein the annulus is ~~made from~~ comprised of rolled and pressed stainless steel.

12. (Currently amended) A trim as claimed in ~~any of Claims 1 to 11~~ Claim 1, wherein the insert comprises a rubber or other similarly resilient material.